

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Ault, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council members Joseph Abban, Kenneth Austin and Stephen Hougland were absent.

Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Councilor Henderson offered an invocation, which was followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the April 2, 2012 Common Council Minutes

Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 12-03 - A Budgetary Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 12-02 A Budgetary Ordinance Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Franklin, Indiana for Year 2012 (Civil City) As Amended Councilor Barnett made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried, and Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud and stated that this ordinance is presented for introduction only.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 12-04 - An Additional Appropriation Ordinance from General Fund 101 to General BOW Engineer 101 005 111 in the amount of \$75,000.00 Council Barnett made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Wertz. Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud and stated the proposed ordinance is presented for introduction only.

Request Approval of Proposed Annexations for the Town of Whiteland Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated that the Town of Whiteland has requested the City's consent as outlined in Indiana Code to annex two areas located within three (3) miles of the corporate limits of Franklin. Council President Steve Barnett stated that the annexation areas will not affect the City of Franklin. Councilor Henderson stated that he has no objections to the request. Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Street Tree Inventory – Davey Resource Group – City of Franklin Arborist Jim Farr came forward with Ms. Aren Flint from Davey Resource Group, and stated that the tree inventory project has been completed. Ms. Flint stated that two arborists inventoried every street and park area trees inside the city limits. She reported that there are a total of six-thousand two-hundred and eighty-eight street and park trees. Ms. Flint stated that a maintenance and summary report were given to Mr. Farr. Councilor Barnett asked how they will go about keeping up with the changing tree inventory in the future. Mr. Farr stated that from this time forward they will manage the inventory by hand each time a tree is removed or planted. Councilor Wertz asked about the cost of this project. Mr. Farr stated that the grant reimbursement is \$14,900.00, or 50% of the total cost. Councilor Ault asked if there was any evidence of the presences of Emerald Ash Borers in our trees. Ms. Flint stated that none were in evidence.

Common Council Resolution No.: 12-07 Personal Property Tax Abatement for Electro-Spec, Inc. – EDC 12-02 - Councilor Barnett made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Wertz. Mayor McGuinness read the title. Planning Director Krista Linke gave a timeline for this tax abatement and stated that the EDC had forwarded a favorable recommendation. Mr. Jeff Smith the owner of Electro-Spec stated that he is requesting this abatement specifically for plating equipment. He told the Council that he intends to expand the facility over the next 3 years. Mr. Smith stated that he plans to add an additional twenty to twenty-five jobs over the next 3 years. He currently employs sixty-eight people. Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve the staff's findings on Resolution 12-07, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 12-08 Amending Resolution No.: 10-05 Granting Tax Abatement for Rexam Consumer Plastics, Inc. C12-23 - Councilor Barnett made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Wertz. Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Planning Director Krista Linke explained that this is a new resolution amending the original abatement resolution. This resolution increases the amount paid for equipment to \$17,795,000.00 purchased in 2011. Ms. Linke requested approval of Resolution 12-08 as well as acceptance of compliance report C12-23 for this year. Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve the findings of the EDC for Resolution 12-08, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried. Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve C12-23, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Yearly Tax Abatement Compliance Reports Presented – The following reports were considered individually by the Common Council:

C12-37 Cooper Tire C12-24 & CLF Cooper Franklin, LLC - Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve C12-37 and C12-24, seconded by Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

C12-14 CTC Casting Technologies Co. & C12-15 CTC Casting Technologies Co. – Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve C12-14 and C12-15. Ms. Linke stated that Casting Technologies Company would like for these to be revoked. Councilor Barnett made a motion to rescind his original motion. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for a Public Hearing, no one asked to speak. The Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve the staff findings on C12-14 and C12-15 to revoke, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

C12-12 Holbrook Manufacturing – Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve C12-12, seconded by Councilor Ault. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

C12-19 Nitrex, Inc. & C12-44 - Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve C12-19 & C12-44, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

C12-26, C12-27, C12-28, C12-29 Laugle Properties, LLC & C12-30 Dualtech, Inc. – Councilor Barnett made a motion to accept C12-26, C12-27, C12-28, C12-29 Laugle Properties, LLC, and C12-30 Dualtech, Inc., seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

C12-31 & C12-32 Caterpillar – Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve C12-31 & C-12-32, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

C12-33 Indiana Hydraulic Equipment Corp. – Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve C12-33, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

C12-34 NSK C12-35 NSK C12-36 NSK – Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve C12-34, C12-35 & C12-36, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

C12-38 Mitsubishi – Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve C12-38, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

C12-40 & C12-41 KYB – Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve C12-40 & C12-41, seconded by Councilor Ault. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

C12-42 & C12-43 Amcor – Councilor Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Other Business

State Board of Accounts Financial Statement and Federal Single Audit Report of City of Franklin January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 – Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander told the Council that the financial audit report for 2011 was presented for their review but that no action is required of the Council. Ms. Alexander stated that this was the second year in a row that the City of Franklin audit contained no audit comments by the State Board of Accounts examiners. Ms. Alexander also stated that this was the second federal audit that encompassed the conclusion of the 2008 Flood related FEMA reimbursements – and project funding. Mayor McGuinness thanked the Clerk-Treasurer and her staff

for all of their hard work, and asked if this could be put on our city website for citizens to look over. Mr. Rick Littleton stated that he should be able to put this on the city website in the future.

Council Member Comments Concerning Board & Commission Activities - Councilor Barnett stated he attended the last Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting and that Cinergy Metro Net gave a presentation. He stated that the EDC forwarded a favorable recommendation to the Plan Commission regarding the Metro Net project which will be discussed at the Plan Commission's meeting tomorrow night. He also said that the next FDC meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26th at 8:00 a.m. Councilor Wertz stated that the next RDC meeting will be Thursday, April 19th at 8:00 a.m. Councilor Henderson stated that this agenda is on the website. Councilor Barnett gave an update on the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held earlier this evening. Councilor Barnett stated that the City Surplus Auction will be held Saturday, April 28th at the Street Department/Police Department. Councilor Barnett also stated that on Wednesday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m. there will be an informational meeting about the North Main Street Project.

Councilor Barnett asked about the energy savings study that was awarded during the last administration. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated that the contract was with the Board of Public Works and Safety, and that if he liked she would contact the company and request that they come to the next meeting and provide an update on the project.

Announcements & Presentations

Resident Gary Moody commented on the planned informational meeting concerning the North Main Street Project.

Adjournment

A motion and a second were made to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled 5/2/2012
Approved by Common Council: _____